

Cope

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long-lasting impacts that might not fade with the passage of time, she said.

"We have a team of people on call and they'll provide an immediate response to try to reduce the impact of trauma, something we've found to be very useful psychologically and physically to get children back on track," Erstling said. "Because if they don't, there can be any number of ways it manifests itself, fights with peers, withdrawal and worse."

It is always rewarding to provide the help that someone needs, she said.

"To me, it's a very noble pursuit, to help people to deal with trauma," Erstling said. "We don't get paid a lot, but the rewards of the profession are amazing, to see when you're able to help someone."

Margaret Holland McDuff, Sheley@NewportRI.com

CEO of Family Service of Rhode Island, said Erstling and her team have expanded the organization's commitment to help provide trauma care for children and families. The team's work is considered groundbreaking in

some clinical circles. "Under the guidance of Dr. Erstling, we have been building on this commitment for a number of years, working with police departments and other social service providers, and are honored to have heightened our work with military families," Holland McDuff said.

Jeanne Sherman, an Army veteran who provides therapy for military families through Family Service of Rhode Island, is among the experts expected to participate in the trauma program Thursday. For more information, visit familyserviceri.org online.

Testing

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they will learn from it and know what to expect when the PARCC testing counts in 2015.

would be given the opportunity to take part. "If this was experience it," he said.

for every child to get used to it, I'd say absolutely," she said. "What are we saying? We're going to give the benefit to a few of them? ... This is crazier than ever.'

Superintendent William J. Black said she did not like Rearick said he understood the fact that so few students everyone's position. "My recommendation still would be to

MEETING MINUTES

TIVERTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

When: Tuesday night. Where: Tiverton High School library, 100 North Brayton Road.

Present: All.

Action: Approved a request from Fort Barton School Principal Suzette Wordell to apply for National Blue Ribbon School designation in the category of exemplary high-performing school. Fort Barton was one of three schools in the state to be nominated for the distinction.

Wordell also received the committee's approval to apply for a New York Road **Runners Mighty Milers** grant to begin an incentive running program during recesses twice a week.

◆ Appointed David Landoch and Jack McKinnon as coaches for Unified Basketball at the high school; John Pelletier as

Brandyn Chace as coach for Unified Basketball at the

middle school; and Donna

coach for boys tennis;

Macomber as teacher

assistant at Pocasset School. Of note: Teachers from all grade levels made presentations showing how they use technology in their classrooms and how important it is for learning and introducing new concepts to students visually and interactively.

◆ Students' latest trip to work sites to learn about the education and skills needed for different jobs included a trip to Raytheon, where students talked to engineers and attended workshops. School-based coordinator Linda Larsen said two students will take part in a week-long internship this summer in the rocketry department.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 7 p.m., high school library.

Salve trip takes a spiritual turn

Students stop in Georgia to belt notes with Freedom Singer Rutha Harris

dents and faculty members are spending their spring break on a "Civil Rights Bus Tour," exploring key sites of the movement with stops in Washington, D.C., Greensboro, N.C., Atlanta, Montgomery, Ala., and Birmingham, Ala.

They are sharing their experiences by posting journal entries, photos and video - including of Freedom Singer Rutha Harris leading a sing-along with a group of students - on The Newport Daily News website, excerpts from which follow:

Kate Drexel (junior): This trip thus far has been an absolutely eye-opening experience. Each place we visit and person we meet seems to give off a kind of spiritual presence. When we stopped in Atlanta yesterday (Monday, March 10), I walked with a few friends to Martin Luther King's house and couldn't help but feel a certain chill in the air, not from the small amount of wind but from what seem like a spiritual presence. ...

Today I had a similar experience in Albany, Ga., when we met and sang with the famous Freedom Singer Rutha Harris. Hearing Rutha's voice bounce off the walls

Twenty-two Salve Regina University stu- of the church today was an absolutely mesmerizing and soulful experience. Her powerful vocals really reached into my soul. giving me a sense of what it was like to be part of the movement. She taught us a few of the old songs and as we participated, I felt like I could have been marching along the streets of Albany 50 years ago. She made it feel so real

Kimberly Kieszczynski (junior): Today (Monday, March 10) we took a trip to the Charles Sherrod Civil Rights Park in downtown Albany, Ga. It is a black marble fountain accompanied by four marble walls engraved with numerous dates from the civil rights movement. After a few minutes at the memorial, we drove ten minutes down the road to the Albany Civil Rights Institute, where we took a tour of the museum and got to meet Ms. Rutha Harris, freedom singer of the civil rights movement. She and her group of freedom singers were together for nine months, and would sing songs with an element of repetition so that large groups of people could learn the songs quickly.

She selected a few songs that she taught our group, which we recited with

giant smiles and open hearts. These songs included "We Shall Overcome," "Woke Up this Mornin' with My Mind," and "I Love Your Dog, I Love My Dog." Alexander DiMauro, Salve Regina University '14, led the right side of the congregation while Ms. Harris led the left. We ended with the civil rights anthem when everyone crossed arms, grasped hands, and swayed side-to-

"We shall overcome, We shall overcome, We shall overcome some day. Oh deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome some day. We'll walk hand in hand, We'll walk hand in hand. We'll walk hand in hand some day. We shall all be free, We shall all be free, We shall all be free some day. We are not afraid, We are not afraid, We are not afraid today."

A special page, "Salve Civil Rights Bus Tour," has been created at www.Newport DailvNews.com. Visitors to the page can comment by linking their Facebook, Google, Yahoo or other existing accounts or by creating a new account and log-

RELAY FOR LIFE: CRAFTS FOR A CAUSE



Dave Hansen | Staff photographer

Nancy Thrasher, left, of Bridgewater, Mass., talks with Relay for Life event chairwoman Kerry Seibert during Team Embracing the Cure's third annual craft fair fundraiser Saturday at St. Lucy's Church in Middletown to benefit the relay. The fair, which featured more than 30 vendors, was one of a number of fundraisers that will be held in anticipation of the relay, which will be held Friday, May 16, overnight to Saturday, May 17, at Gaudet Middle School in Middletown. For more information, visit relayforlife.org/aquidneckislandri.

CALENDAR

BLOOD DRIVE – Newport Storm Brewery, 293 Connell Highway, Newport, 5-8 p.m. Sponsored by the Rhode Island Blood Center. (800) 283-8385.

ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSION Middletown Police Department. 123 Valley Road, Middletown. 6 p.m. Charles Allott, executive director of the Aguidneck Land Trust, will speak about the importance of preserving farmland on Aquidneck Island in a program sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Newport County. Free. 378-7595.

THURSDAY

BLOOD DRIVE - Little Compton Fire Department, 60 Simmons Road, Little Compton, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Rhode Island Blood Center. (800) 283-8385.

ART OPENING - Coleman Center for Creative Studies, Newport Art Museum, 76 Bellevue Ave., Newport, 4-6 p.m. Opening reception for the Youth Art Month exhibition, featuring artwork by Newport County school children grades K-8. Free. 848-8200. www. newportartmuseum.org.

NEWPORT GALLERY NIGHT – Newport Art Museum, 76 Bellevue Ave., Newport, 5-8 p.m.

Talk at 6 p.m. on Nancy Elizabeth Prophet, the first African American graduate of Rhode Island School of Design, and exhibit based on Prophet's life. Free. 848-8200 or www.newportartmuseum.org. For information about other galleries taking part and free parking available: www.newportgalleries.

"LIFE OF THE MIND" SALON SERIES - Redwood Library & Athenaeum, 50 Bellevue Ave.. Newport, wine and cheese reception at 5:30 p.m., lecture at 6 p.m. Joan Johnston-Freese, professor of National Security Affairs at the Naval War College will present, "What?! Movies Make Things Up?" examining scientific realism in film. Free for members. \$10 for nonmembers. 847-0292,

AUTHOR EVENT - Island Books, 575 East Main Road, Middletown, 6:30 p.m. Rosemary Mahoney will read from her latest book "For the Benefit of Those Who See: Dispatches from the World of the Blind." 849-2665 or www. islandbooksri.com.

FRIDAY

BLOOD DRIVE – BankNewport, 528 West Main Road, Middletown, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Also, The Moose Cafe, 1160 Stafford Road, Tiverton, 3-6 p.m. **Also**, Newport Fire

Department, 21 West Marlborough St., Newport, 5-8 p.m. Sponsored by the Rhode Island Blood Center. (800) 283-8385.

FISH FRY - Pyramid Club, 32-34 Dr. Marcus F. Wheatland Blvd., Newport, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The Five Point Club host a fish frv. The club is a committee of Queen Esther Chapter, \$8, 847-4308,

Public Library, 300 Spring St., Newport, 2:30 p.m. "Dallas Buyers Club," a 2014 Academy Award winning film, starring Matthew McConaughey as an HIV-positive smuggler of AIDS medication from Mexico to Texas, will be shown as part of the Oscar Film Series. Free. 847-8720, Ext. 208,

Arts Center, 18 Valley St., Art & Invention." Performance at 8 p.m. 560-0979 or www. jamestownartcenter.org.

– Fenner Hall, 15 Fenner Ave., Newport, 6:30 p.m. Swanhurst Chorus' 20th annual Tribute to Steven Sondheim's 1966 comedy, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." \$35, includes full dinner and dessert buffet, 682

FILM SCREENING - Newport

or www.newportlibraryri.org. **ART OPENING** – Jamestown Jamestown, 6-9 p.m. Reception to open "Luke Randall, Multi Media:

"TRIBUTE TO BROADWAY" Broadway with Burt Shevelove and 1630 or www.swanhurst.org. **SCOTTISH DANCE** - Conanicut

Grange, 6 West St., Jamestown, 7-8:30 p.m. The Jamestown Scottish Dance Group will host its monthly Scottish country dance. Christine Ariel and BJ Whitehouse will teach and call the dances. No experience is necessary; attendees are asked to wear softsoled shoes. \$5 per person, \$10

per family. 423-1574. **SANDYWOODS MUSIC SERIES**

 Sandywoods Center for the Arts, 43 Muse Way, Tiverton, doors open at 7 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Indie folk roots duo Mike + Ruthy will perform. BYOB and food welcome. \$17 advance, \$20 at the door, 241-7349 or www. sandvwoodsmusic.com.

SATURDAY

BLOOD DRIVE - Tiverton Rod and Gun Club, 1529 Fish Road, Tiverton, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Rhode Island Blood Center. (800) 283-8385. LIBRARY EVENTS - Redwood Ave., Newport, 10:30 a.m. Book

Library & Athenaeum, 50 Bellevue club will discuss "Washington D.C." by Gore Vidal. **Also**, at 2 p.m., learn about electricity from the Rhode Island Museum of Science and Art, including an "Electric Dough" presentation. Ages 8 and older. Free for members, \$2 for nonmembers. 847.0292, Ext. 102.

MUNICIPAL MEETINGS

MIDDLETOWN

TODAY

Town Council, Gaudet Middle School building tour, 8 a.m., Gaudet Middle

Town Council, Aquidneck elementary school building tour, 10 a.m., Aguidneck School.

Advisory Committee, 5 p.m., Town Hall conference room. School Committee budget

Economic Development

workshop, 5 p.m., Oliphant administration building. Planning Board, 6 p.m.,

Town Hall.

NEWPORT

Redevelopment Agency, 11 a.m., second-floor conference room, City Hall. City Council, 6:30 p.m.,

council chamber, City Hall.

PORTSMOUTH

TODAY Harbor Commission,

6:40 p.m., Town Hall. Melville Park Committee, 7 p.m. Town Hall.

Planning Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Planning Board

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee, 7 p.m., Town

THURSDAY

Arts and Culture Committee, 7 p.m. Town Hall, council chamber. Glen Park Working

Committee, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, Planning Board Room.

TIVERTON

Cemetery Commission, 7 p.m., Community Center. **THURSDAY**

Economic Development Commission, 6 p.m., Town

Budget Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall.



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PUBLIC MEETING NAVAL STATION NEWPORT RESTORATION ADVISTORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Courtyard Marriott, Middletown 9 Commerce Drive, Middletown, RI Meeting begins at 6:30 pm

You can meet fellow citizens and representatives from the Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, and you can help plan studies and restorations of cleanup sites.

For additional information and our schedule, go to the RAB Internet Web Site at www.rabnewportri.org. Additional information is available at the Navy's Internet Web Site at http://www.navfac.navy.mil.

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